

Maryland Acupuncture Board News:

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is soliciting public comment on proposed regulations regarding training requirements for dry needling by physical therapists. The Board of Acupuncture has issued a letter of concern to the Secretary concerning the regulations.

The call for public comment, and the questions that the Department is particularly interested in, are on the following website:

<http://dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/Dry%20Needling.aspx>

In addition to general comments, the Department is particularly interested in information and evidence on the following questions:

- What are the potential advantages to public health of physical therapists performing dry needling?
- What are the potential disadvantages to public health of physical therapists performing dry needling?
- What training and safeguards, if any, would be appropriate to maximize the advantages and minimize the disadvantages of physical therapists performing dry needling?

Written comments are due to Michele Phinney by September 28 at 5 p.m. Comments may be submitted by mail to Ms. Phinney, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 W. Preston St., Room 512, Baltimore, MD 21201 or call **410-767-6499**, TTY: **800-735-2258**, or by email to regs@dhmh.state.md.us, or by fax to **410-767-6483**.